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Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) (S/2016/11 and S/2016/15)

Other matters

15:00 — 7605th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to hear a presentation by the Secretary-General on his plan of action to prevent violent extremism *today*, 15 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level*. [webcast]

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Resumed Twenty-fifth Meeting

10:00 to 13:00	185th meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	186th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Opening of the Resumed twenty-fifth Meeting by the President [item 1]
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [item 2]
3. Adoption of the agenda (SPLOS/L.76) [item 3]
4. Organization of work [item 4]
5. Election of one member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (SPLOS/288, SPLOS/289 and SPLOS/290) [item 5]
6. Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (SPLOS/291) [item 6]

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00	1839th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

15:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Provisional agenda

1. Introduction of the Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group
2. Discussion on the Implementation Assistance Notice pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 2244 (2015)
3. Other matters

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold informal consultations, *today*, 15 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 5: on the UNDP status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2014.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Friday, 15 January 2016

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlements of conflicts" (under agenda item 33) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Angola)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/70/L.31, entitled "Extension of the preparatory period preceding the graduation of the Republic of Angola from the least developed country category" (under agenda item 9) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 10.

Other meetings

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Friday, 15 January 2016

Non-Aligned Movement (on United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture Report)

09:00 to 10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Friday, 15 January 2016

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

From 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Focal Points Meeting (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)) [webcast]

From 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6209; or 1 (929) 274-6212).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 15 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12:30	His Excellency Mogens Lykketoft (Denmark), President of the General Assembly (on upcoming activities of the General Assembly in 2016)

Security Council stakeout [webcast]

(Time to be determined)	Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus (press encounter)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

General Assembly
Seventieth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10:00 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/681)

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), on women, peace and security, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Monday, 18 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The informal briefing scheduled to take place *today,* 15 January 2016, at 10:00: on peacebuilding; and people-centred approach, including civil affairs, *has been postponed.* The new date and time will be published in the near future.

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional agendas for the 2016 organizational and substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission are contained in documents A/CN.10/L.75 and A/CN.10/L.76, respectively.

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Informal consultations

The Chair-designate of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, will convene informal consultations, *immediately following the adjournment of the organizational session of the Disarmament Commission*, in Conference Room 4.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction"
Preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting for the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction" will be held on Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

The draft provisional agenda and the draft programme of work were sent to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions together with the letter of invitation by the Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Monday, 18 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 20 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 11.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Briefing

The Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OESC/DESA), will hold a briefing on Monday, 18 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The advance unedited version of the report is available by *clicking here*. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, OESC/DESA (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session.

The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes,* statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes,* and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2-4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session

will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board.

This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)).

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Briefing

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold a briefing on Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Hank Shannon Conference

Room (DC1 Building, 21st Floor): on UNDP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Strategy. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to *Thursday, 28 January 2016*, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Forthcoming other activities

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Event on "Food and Sustainable Development" (organized by the Sustainable Development Goals Fund, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Monday, 18 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Teresa Burelli, UNDP (e-mail teresa.burelli@undp.org); or *click here*.]

Event entitled "Update on the Sustainable Development Goals Fund" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kazakhstan and Spain)

Monday, 18 January 2016, from 16:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pedro Domínguez, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail colaboradores.pdc@maec.es; tel. 1 (212) 661-1050, ext. 363).]

Opening of a photo exhibition (on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations and the Slovak Republic membership to the United Nations) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovakia)

Monday, 18 January 2016, at 18:30, at the South Curved Wall Area, Conference Building (First Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Rendek, Permanent Mission of Slovakia (e-mail anna.rendekova@mzv.sk; tel. 1 (212) 286-8880).]

International expert group meeting on the theme "Indigenous Languages: Preservation and Revitalization: Articles 13, 14 and 16 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5;

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5; and

Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Mirian Masaquiza, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail masaquiza@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9607).]

Event on "Coastline Erosion and its Contribution to Climate Change" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, the NGO Sustainability and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Athraja de Silva, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (e-mail doc_officer@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-7040).]

Panel discussion on "Identifying Common Ground for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016)): Rethinking Metrics to Evaluate Drug Policy" (co-organized by the United Nations University (UNU) and the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy)

Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Summer Walker, UNU New York Office (e-mail walker@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6346); to register, please *click here.*]

Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Monday 25 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Rivera, OCHA (e-mail riverag@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 909-7825).]

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members *are invited* to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) and launched last September. The *deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016*. For more information, please *click here;* or visit the Contest website by *clicking here.*

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations Documents (English and Spanish)

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Finding Speeches

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 14 January 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7603rd meeting *The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2015/1031)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Maman Sidikou, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Sidikou, via video-teleconference from Goma.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

7604th meeting

Peace consolidation in West Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa (S/2015/1012)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Mohammed Ibn Chambas, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Chambas.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Ratification: Serbia (14 January 2016)

General Information

Chairs of regional groups

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African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

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His Excellency Peter Thomson

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Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
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Chargé d'Affaires

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His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

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Security Council

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on Peacekeeping Operations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *34 pages*

A/70/651–S/2015/1 Item 34 (a) — Prevention of armed conflict — Identical letters dated 3 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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A/70/664–S/2015/1021 Item 34 — Prevention of armed conflict — Letter dated 21 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *16 pages*

A/70/672–S/2015/1054 Item 120 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Letter dated 8 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

Tenth emergency special session

A/ES-10/708–S/2016/17 Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — Identical letters dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

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Documents

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CEDAW/C/PRT/CO/8-9 Concluding observations on the combined eighth and ninth periodic reports of Portugal [A C E F R S] — *12 pages*

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A/70/658–S/2016/23 Letter dated 8 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

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E/CN.3/2016/18 Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda — Items for information — World Statistics Day — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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Sixtieth session

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Official meetings

Monday, 18 January 2016

Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria)

Other matters

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), on women, peace and security, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on *Monday, 18 January 2016*, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on *Monday, 18 January 2016*, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

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Economic and Social Council

2016 session
Briefing

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Other meetings

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Monday, 18 January 2016

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 17:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Non-Aligned Movement (on United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture Report)

16:00 to 19:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Monday, 18 January 2016

Event on "Food and Sustainable Development" (organized by the Sustainable Development Goals Fund, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Teresa Burelli, UNDP (e-mail teresa.burelli@undp.org); or *click here*.]

Event entitled "Update on the Sustainable Development Goals Fund" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kazakhstan and Spain)

From 16:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pedro Domínguez, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail colaboradores.pdc@maec.es; tel. 1 (212) 661-1050, ext. 363).]

Opening of a photo exhibition (on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations and the Slovak Republic membership to the United Nations) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovakia)

At 18:30, at the South Curved Wall Area, Conference Building (First Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Rendek, Permanent Mission of Slovakia (e-mail anna.rendekova@mzv.sk; tel. 1 (212) 286-8880).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 18 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting of the plenary, to hear a briefing by the Deputy Secretary-General on the Human Rights up Front initiative, on Wednesday, 27 January 2016, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are encouraged to attend at the *ambassadorial level.*

Announcement

There will be an informal meeting organized by the President of the General Assembly on Thursday, 28 January 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing on the global indicator framework, to be developed by the Inter-Agency Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) and presented to the United Nations Statistical Commission during its forty-seventh session in March 2016. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 December 2015 and 14 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10:00 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/681)

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

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Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
Organizational session

The Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agendas for the 2016 organizational and substantive sessions of the Disarmament Commission are contained in documents A/CN.10/L.75 and A/CN.10/L.76, respectively.

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Informal consultations

The Chair-designate of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, will convene informal consultations, *immediately following the adjournment of the organizational session of the Disarmament Commission*, in Conference Room 4.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction"
Preparatory meeting

A preparatory meeting for the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292 "Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction" will be held on Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

The draft provisional agenda and the draft programme of work were sent to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions together with the letter of invitation by the Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Tuesday, 19 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3: on people-centred approach, including civil affairs; and peacebuilding; and

Friday, 22 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1: on safety and security; and technology and innovation.

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

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Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2 (to be issued). The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1 (to be issued) and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

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PaperSmart

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List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on 1 February. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing to provide the UN-Women Executive Board with an overview of the process, objectives, approach and key elements of the Mid-Term Review of the Strategic Plan on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to 11:30, in Conference Room 11.

Informal orientation briefing

There will be an informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11. Observer delegations are also welcomed to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

The pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 2.

First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.*

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot.

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Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission, will be held on Wednesday, 20 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 11.

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Briefings

There will be consecutive briefings on Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The first briefing, by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, will be on the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* 2016 report (*click here*). It will be followed by briefings on the programme of work of the Council for the period January to July 2016, as follows: by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea) on the preparations for the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and the 2016 high-level segment in July 2016; by the Vice-President (Estonia) on the preparations for the integration segment; by the Vice-President (Honduras) on the preparations for the operational activities for development segment; by the Vice-President (Switzerland) on the humanitarian affairs segment; and by the Vice-President (Zimbabwe) on the coordination and management meetings of the Council. All are invited to attend. Additional information, including available documentation, relating to the meetings of the Council is available on the website of the Council by *clicking here*.

Special event

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene on Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, a special event to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Council. Remarks will be made by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations as well as a number of the former Presidents of the Council. All are invited to attend. For further information, please *click here* or contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Youth Forum (1-2 February 2016)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme "Youth taking action to implement the 2030 Agenda" on Monday, 1 and Tuesday, 2 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretariat of their prospective participation in the Forum (e-mail simonp@un.org, with a copy to leonc@un.org) *no later than noon on Wednesday, 27 January 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204); or Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session

The 2016 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 25 January to Wednesday, 3 February, and on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2016/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbals will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 29 January 2016,* will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and lists of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session.

The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I of document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Side events

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (2 to 4 February 2016) will take place on Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2016 workplan and proposed budget; b) UNICEF resource mobilization strategy; and c) Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action.

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2 to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary

of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 29 January 2016*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board.

This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)).

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Briefing

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, will hold a briefing on Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 Building, 21st Floor): on UNDP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Strategy. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session 2016

The first regular session 2016 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 25 to *Thursday, 28 January 2016*, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2016/L.1.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (please *click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission.

The portal will be accessible via papersmart@un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement (on United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture Report)

Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 15:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room 2.

Group of Least Developed Countries (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Asia-Pacific Group (for the member States of the International Seabed Authority (ISA))

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 28 January 2016, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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International expert group meeting on the theme "Indigenous Languages: Preservation and Revitalization: Articles 13, 14 and 16 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 19 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5;

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5; and

Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Mirian Masaquiza, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail masaquiza@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9607).]

Event on "Coastline Erosion and its Contribution to Climate Change" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, the NGO Sustainability and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Wednesday, 20 January 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Athraja de Silva, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (e-mail doc_officer@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-7040).]

Panel discussion on "Identifying Common Ground for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016)): Rethinking Metrics to Evaluate Drug Policy" (co-organized by the United Nations University (UNU) and the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy)

Thursday, 21 January 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Summer Walker, UNU New York Office (e-mail walker@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6346); to register, please *click here*.]

Informal briefing on a new framework for addressing protracted displacement within the World Humanitarian Summit process (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Denmark and Japan, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Friday, 22 January 2016, from 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Taro Tsutsumi, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail taro.tsutsumi@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1(212) 521-1508).]

Briefing on the preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Monday 25 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gloria Rivera, OCHA (e-mail riverag@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 909-7825).]

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members *are invited* to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) and launched last September. The *deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016*. For more information, please *click here;* or visit the Contest website by *clicking here*.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2016*:

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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on

the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 15 January 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7605th meeting *The situation in the Middle East*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Kang.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United Kingdom, Spain, New Zealand, Senegal, China, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Japan, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Angola, Malaysia and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Uruguay.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Resumed twenty-fifth Meeting

185th meeting *Opening of the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting by the President* [item 1]

His Excellency Kriangsak Kittichaisaree (Thailand), President of the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties, opened the Meeting.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, made a statement.

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [item 2]

The Meeting observed a minute of silence.

Adoption of the agenda [item 3]

The President made a statement.

The Meeting adopted, with amendments, the agenda to be issued as document SPLOS/292.

The Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Election of a Vice-President [item 4]

The President made a statement.

A statement was made by the Chair of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Mr. Pablo Adrián Arrocha Olabuenaga (Mexico) was elected as Vice-President of the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties, by acclamation, replacing Mr. Alejandro Bravo (Mexico).

The President made a statement.

The Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Organization of work [item 5]

The President made a statement.

The Meeting agreed on the President's proposal for the organization of work.

The Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Report of the Credentials Committee [item 6]

The Credentials Committee held a meeting.

The Vice-Chair of the Credential Committee, serving as Acting Chair, made a statement introducing the report of the Committee to the Meeting (to be issued as document SPLOS/285/Add.1).

The Meeting approved the report of the Credentials Committee.

The Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Election of one member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea [item 7]

The President made a statement.

The Meeting proceeded with the balloting.

In the one round of balloting, Mr. Antonio Cachapuz de Medeiros (Brazil), obtained the required majority of two-thirds of States Parties present and voting.

Mr. Cachapuz de Medeiros was elected as a member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for a term of office commencing on the date of the election and ending on 30 September 2017.

The President made a statement.

The Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Election of one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [item 8]

The President made a statement.

A statement was made by the Chair of the Group of Eastern European States.

The Meeting decided that the election of one member in the Commission from the Eastern European Group of States will be held at the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties in June 2016 and that the Commission should resume its work as planned and continue to discharge its functions, notwithstanding the vacant seat.

The President of the Meeting made a statement.

The Co-Coordinator of the Open-ended Working Group on the Conditions of Service of Members of the Commission, Ms. Alexandra Lennox Marwick (New Zealand), made a statement.

The Meeting agreed that the appointment of a successor for Ms. Lennox-Marwick as Co-Coordinator of the Open-ended Working Group will be taken up by the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties in June 2016.

The President of the Meeting made a statement.

The Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Closing of the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting

The President made a statement.

The twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties was adjourned on the understanding that it may be further resumed as required, before the convening of the twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Nomination of Conciliator under Article 2 of Annex V and Nomination of Arbitrator under Article 2 of Annex VII of the Convention: Cyprus
(15 January 2016)

[redacted]

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

Asia-Pacific States:
Fiji
His Excellency Peter Thomson

Eastern European States:
Albania
Mr. Ervin Nina
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
His Excellency Eden Charles
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States:
Italy
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

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Electronic documents

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eSubscription

A simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically is available through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service at www.undocs.org.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

Hard copy documents and document support

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Documents in conference rooms

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

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www.un.org/chronicle

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